

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Aviation Workforce Innovation Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc, located at 4000 NW 142nd St., Opa-Locka, FL 33054.

The funding would be used for the acquisition and build out of the Aviation Workforce Innovation Center which will provide workforce skills and job readiness training, career counseling, and apprenticeship job placement opportunities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will be used to construct a workforce training center that will address the aviation workforce shortage by providing job placement opportunities to low income, underemployed and/or unemployed residents in Opa-Locka, Liberty City, Miami Gardens and surrounding areas.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress